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Report #117

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AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

RESTRICTED
(Reclassify when filled out)

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Ref: VMB-413 308
433 196
443 162

I. GENERAL

(a) Unit Reporting MAQ 61 (b) Based on or at Smirau Island (c) Report No. 117
 (d) Take off: Date 2 June, 1945 Time (LZT) 0905L (Zone); Lat 01° 36' S. Long 150° E.
 (e) Mission Coordinated medium altitude bombing attack against Labagada #2, New Britain. (f) Time of Return 1155L (Zone)

II. OWN AIRCRAFT OFFICIALLY COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

TYPE (a)	SQUADRON (b)	NUMBER			BOMBS AND TORPEDOES CARRIED (PER PLANE) (f)	FUZE, SETTING (g)
		TAKING OFF (c)	ENGAGING ENEMY A/C (d)	ATTACKING TARGET (e)		
PBJ-1	VMB-413	6	None	6	*3 x 500 GP M64 **3 x 500 GP M64	*Nose: AN-M-103 inst. Tail: AN-M-101A2 .025 sec delay.
PBJ-1	VMB-433	8	None	8	*3 x 500 GP M64 **3 x 500 GP M64	**Nose: AN-M-103 .1sec. delay Tail: AN-M-101A2 .01 sec. delay.
PBJ-1	VMB-443	9	None	9	*3 x 500 GP M64 **3 x 500 GP M64	

III. OTHER U. S. OR ALLIED AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED IN THIS OPERATION.

TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE	TYPE	SQUADRON	NUMBER	BASE
PBY-5A	VPB 53	1	Smirau Island				
P4U	NZ #25	2	Smirau Island				

IV. ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED OR ENGAGED (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE	(b) NO OBSERVED	(c) NO ENGAGING OWN A/C	(d) TIME ENCOUNTERED	(e) LOCATION OF ENCOUNTER	(f) BOMBS, TORPEDOES CARRIED, GUNS OBSERVED	(g) CAMOUFLAGE AND MARKING
None			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			
			(ZONE)			

(h) Apparent Enemy Mission(s) _____
 Did Any Part of _____
 (i) Encounter(s) Occur in Clouds? _____ If so, Describe Clouds _____
(YES OR NO) (BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)
 Time of Day and Brilliance _____
 (j) of Sun or Moon _____ (k) Visibility _____
(NIGHT, BRIGHT MOON; DAY, OVERCAST; ETC.) (MILES)

V. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN AIR (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) TYPE ENEMY A/C	(b) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BY:				(c) WHERE HIT, ANGLE	(d) DAMAGE CLAIMED
	TYPE A/C	SQUADRON	PILOT OR GUNNER	GUNS USED		
None						

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(OMIT THIS SHEET IF NO ATTACK WAS MADE)

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XI. ATTACK ON ENEMY SHIPS OR GROUND OBJECTIVES (By Own Aircraft Listed in II Only).

(a) Target(s) and Location(s) Kabagada #2, New Britain (b) Time Over Target(s) 1037L (Zone)
(FOR SHIPS INCLUDE ALL IN AREA UNDER ATTACK)

(c) Clouds Over Target Clear
(BASE IN FEET, TYPE AND TENTHS OF COVER)

(d) Visibility of Target Clear (e) Visibility 10
(CLEAR, HAZY, PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS, ETC.) (MILES)

(f) Bombing Tactics: Type Level Bomb Sight Used Mk.15. Mod.7.
(LEVEL, GLIDE OR DIVE) (TYPE)

Bombs Dropped per Run All Spacing 20' Altitude of Bomb Release 10400'-10900'
(NUMBER) (FEET) (FEET)

(g) Number of Enemy Aircraft Hit on Ground: Destroyed None Probably Destroyed None Damaged None

(h) AIMING POINT	(i) DIMENSIONS OR TONNAGE	(j) NO A/C ATTACKING (k) SQUADRON	(l) BOMBS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED, EACH AIMING POINT	(m) NO HITS On Aiming Point	(n) DAMAGE (None, slight, serious, destroyed or sunk)
1 Kabagada #2	1200' x 2100'	6 VMF-413	36 x 500 GP's		
2 Kabagada #2	same	6 VMF-433	48 x 500 GP's		See "a"
3 Kabagada #2	same	9 VMF-443	54 x 500 GP's		
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(o) RESULTS: (For all hits claimed on ship targets and for land targets of special interest, draw diagram, top or side view or both, as appropriate, showing type and location of hits. For all targets give location and effect of hits, and identify by numbers above. Use additional sheets if necessary).

- 1.-3 x 500 GP cratered the coastal road 500' north of the target.
- 3 x 500 GP hit the water a few feet off shore destroying one small craft.
- 12 x 500 GP hit 600' north of the target clearing out an area 200' x 200' on the inshore side of the coastal road. One small building was destroyed.
- 18 x 500 GP hit 200' to 500' north of the target between the coastal road and the shore. One building 30' x 30' and two smaller buildings were wiped out.
- 2.-4 x 500 GP landed 4000' north of the target and a few feet off shore.
- 44 x 500 GP also landed 4000' north of the target and cleared out an area 900' x 100'. inland from the water's edge for no apparent damage.
- 3.-6 x 500 GP hit 600' west of the target clearing woods from a dipiladed area.
- 10 x 500 GP fell just west of the target clearing out more woods.
- 38 x 500 GP cleared out an area 800' x 400' in the northwestern section of the target where supplies were reported to be stored. One building 50' x 20' and two smaller ones were demolished.

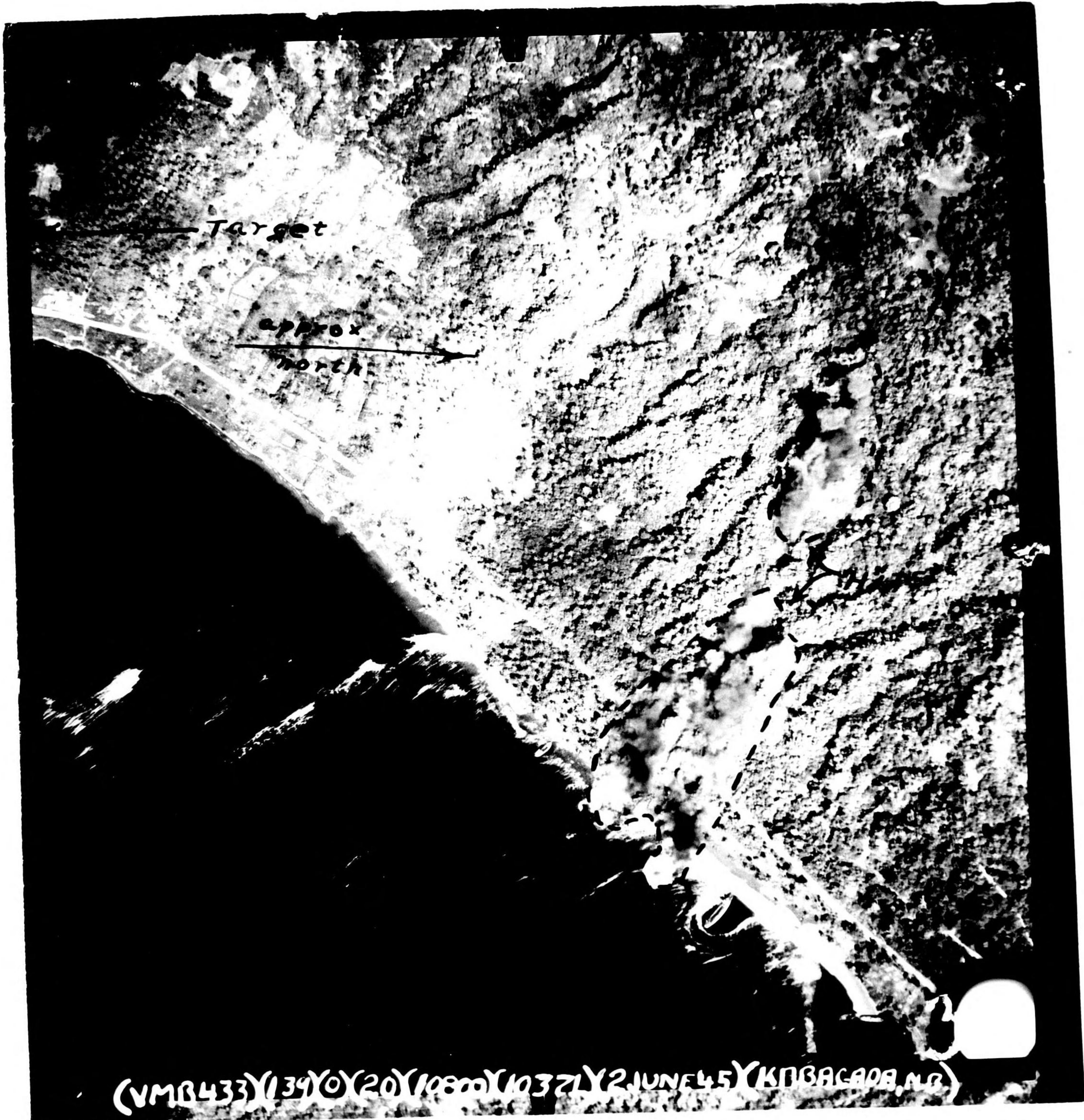
Photographs attached:

- (3) (VMF-413 - 706) (0) (20") (10,900') (1037L) (2June45) (Kabagada #2)
- (3) (VMF-433) (139) (0) (20") (10,800') (1032L) (2June45) (Kabagada, H. B.)
- (3) (VMF-443 - 231) (0) (20") (10,800') (1038L) (2June45) (Kabagada #2, H. B.)

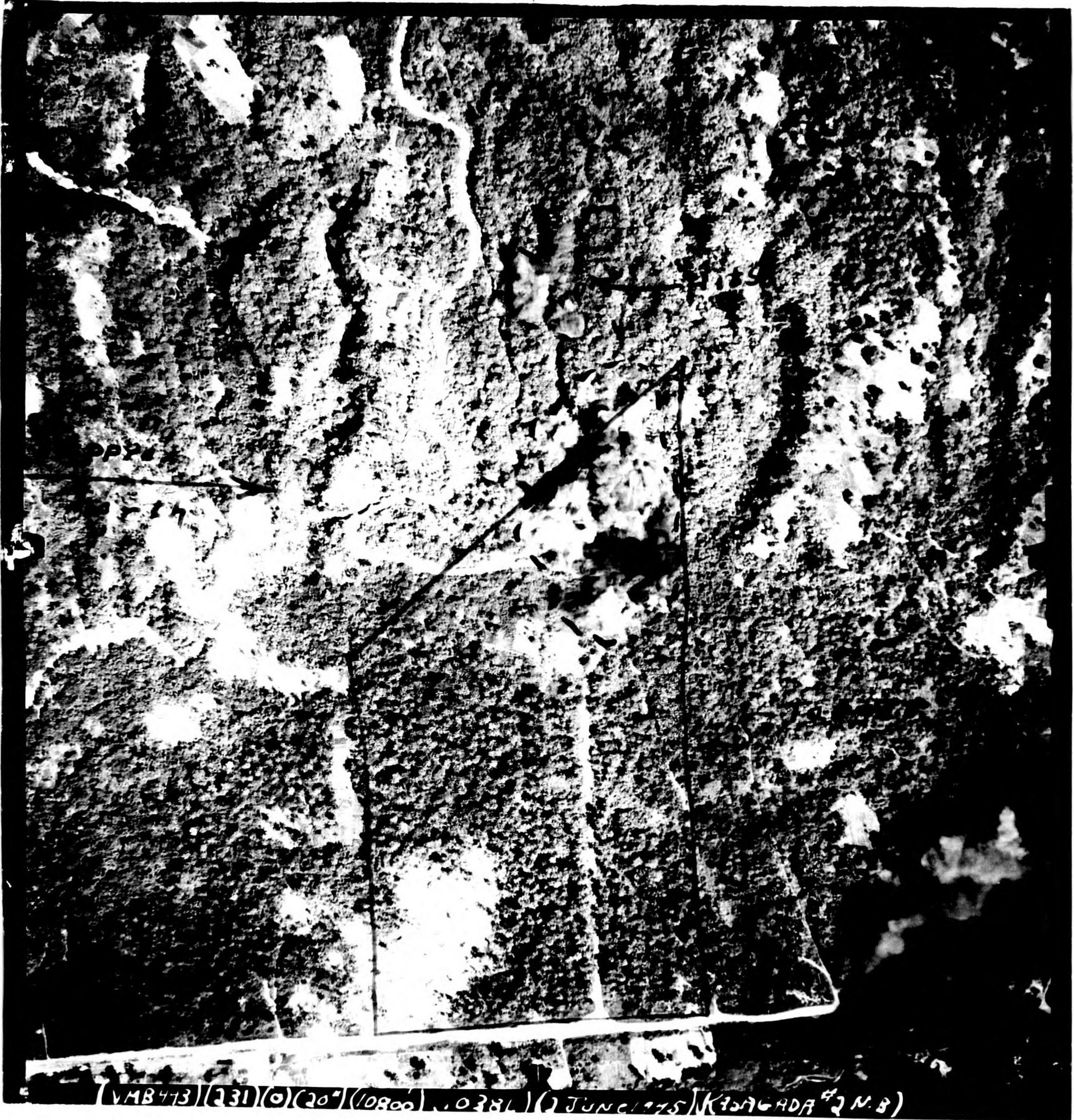
(p) Were Photographs Taken? Yes Photographs of Damage, When Taken, Should Be Attached By Staple.



(VMB 413-706) (0) (20) (10,900) (10.372) (2 JUNE 49) (HABUADA '2)



(VMB433)(139)(20)(10800)(10371)(2 JUNE 45)(KDBACAOB, NR)



(VMB473/231/0)(20°/0800) .0381 (0 JUNE 1975) (K35A-ADA #2 N.B)